



## **H.Res. 978 – Expressing support for the designation of the week of March 3-7, 2008, as 'School Social Work Week' to promote awareness of the vital role of school social workers in schools**

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### FLOOR SITUATION

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H.Res. 978 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) on February 12, 2008. The legislation was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, but was never considered.

H.Res. 978 is expected to be considered on the floor on February 25, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

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H.Res. 978 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Honors and recognizes the contributions of school social workers to the success of students in schools across the Nation; and
- Encourages the people of the United States to observe 'School Social Work Week' with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the vital role of school social workers in schools, and the community as a whole, in helping students prepare for their future as productive citizens.

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### BACKGROUND

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According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, school social workers "provide social services and assistance to improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families and to maximize the well-being of families and the academic functioning of children."

The School Social Work Association of America declared the week beginning March 3, 2008, to be School Social Work Week.

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